



# HEART OF AMERICA

CHAPTER 36 NEWSLETTER

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

AUGUST, 2007

**Guest speaker Rose Michael keynotes  
August 12 Meeting and Mart:**

### *The Restoration of Metal Clock Surfaces*

Come to the Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak, in Lenexa, Kansas on Sunday, August 12. We begin with refreshments and mart at 1 pm, and the program follows promptly at 2 pm.

Our presenter will be Rose Michael, a nationally known expert on restoration of metal clock surfaces.

Rose hails from Oklahoma City, where she works with her father at Michael's Antique Clocks, a business which has thrived in that location for the past 35 years.

Using actual horological statuary, paints and oils, Ms Michael will show how restoration is an artistic process which involves repairing metal and closely matching patina colors — and how bronze and spelter materials must be treated differently.

A complete restoration project may well include the recreation of missing portions, such as wings, fingers, etc., which challenge the artisan's skills, and bring satisfaction both to the owner and the restorer.

For the past dozen years Rose has gained notice nationwide, both for her work in restoration, and her successes in teaching others the techniques of the craft. Modestly, she gives full credit to her chief mentor Dick Michael, whose recording on restoration techniques can be borrowed from the national NAWCC library.



Rose Michael presents August 12 program

### **REMEMBER THE MART ON AUGUST 12**

If possible, please bring clocks and other horological items for the mart! — And remember, interesting items for Show and Tell are always welcome.

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## MINUTES FROM OUR JUNE 10 CHAPTER MEETING

Vice-presidents **Darrell Carr** and **Dan Ward** shared the tasks of chairmanship in the absence of president **Jerry Thornsberry**. Darrell opened the meeting with introductions: **Charles Kephart**, our speaker's father from St. Joseph, MO; **Mel Handkins**, a new member from Overland Park, KS; and **Heather Eagan-Sutton** and her daughter **Sierra**, from Platte City, MO, operating Grandfather Clocks Plus in Tracy, MO.

**Dan Ward** introduced our speaker, **David Kephart**, who presented an outstanding program on *Elements of Properly Restoring an Antique Clock Movement*, illustrated by slides and overhead projected images.

**Wayne Herrmann** reported that our **2007 Project Tall Clock** was awarded third place at National Convention.

**Darrell Carr** announced a **Wood Finish Class** to be taught by **Steve Craddock**, from 9-12 am on Saturday, September 29, at a tuition charge of \$18.00.

**Bill Dugan** asked members to contact him if interested in a **4-day Suitcase Class** (\$275 tuition, we supply our own tools)

For Show and Tell, **Robert Hensley** presented several **Purse Watches** including one with radium dial. **Clement Wagner** displayed Chapter 36 **archival notebook** covering 1983-91. **Wayne Herrmann** showed a newly **re-silvered dial** which **Phil Wilson** had done for him.

**Pete McComas** reported disappointing sales of clocks he had recently sold through Harris Auctions.

**April minutes** were approved. **Jerry Van Lanker** reported \$11,198.20 in the special account and \$2,996.39 in the regular account. **Treasurer's report** also approved.

Jim Kuhn, *Secretary*

## Upcoming River Cities Regional Plans

### 2008 Regional Scheduled for Omaha

For the past several years this event has alternated between Kansas City and Omaha. The **2008** event is to be hosted by Great Plains Chapter No. 58 in Omaha, Nebraska, but as yet no date has been published.

### 2009 Regional in Kansas City

Our **2009 regional** is scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28**. This date has been reserved with the Convention Committee of NAWCC pending the signing of a contract with a facility to house the regional, contracting with a headquarters hotel, and naming a general chairperson for the event.

Toward compliance with this requirement, a verbal agreement has been reached with the Business and Technology Center of the **Metropolitan Community College System**, commonly known as BTC, located at I-435 and Front Street in Kansas City, Missouri, to house the regional.

A contract is ready to be signed with the Intrigue **Park Place Hotel**, located at 1601 Universal Avenue to serve as the headquarters hotel.

Pricing for these services in the convention hall and hotel will remain at the 2007 level.

### Facility to be Shared

The Kansas City Flea Market and Antiques Show has verbally agreed to share the facility with Chapter 36. Both organizations are interested recruiting a third Americana type organization to share the facility on those dates.

### General Chairman to be Selected

Before the final document can be filed with the NAWCC Convention Committee, a general chairman for the regional must be selected.

The President of Chapter 36, following the election of chapter officers at the April 2008 meeting, will select the general chairman for the 2009 regional.

## A Tip of the Cap to Chapter Leaders

**Wayne Herrmann, Charlie McBride, and Don Allen** have successfully served in chapter leadership roles this past year.

The **2007 River Cities Regional, Chapter Clock Restoration Project, and Clock Restoration Contest** were all completed with unparalleled success.

A special debt of gratitude is extended to each of them for making these chapter activities more enjoyable to all members.

## New Projects — New Leaders

Chapter 36 is fortunate to have many members who are capable and willing to give of their time and talents to assume various leadership roles.

**Mark Bradfield** has agreed to serve as chairperson of the **Chapter Clock Restoration Project** during the coming year. Mark will solicit your support to assist with this important activity. Using the established guidelines to select a clock for restoration, Mark will be requesting your suggestions for procuring a clock to be used in the project.

**Steve and Gayla Morford**, relatively new chapter members, and winners of the Chapter Restoration Contest last year will lead the **Chapter Restoration Contest**. They have "big shoes" to fill as Don Allen "set the bar very high" with a successful contest last year.

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### Chapter 36 Membership Application

Please complete this form with a \$10.00 check made payable to NAWCC Chapter 36 and mail to: Jerry VanLanker, Treasurer, 1715 S. Vermont, Independence, MO 64052. Or better yet, come to the next meeting and join in person.

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### **NEW LEADERS, continued from page 3**

Hopefully, Chapter 36 members will complete projects in the local contest and also enter them in the NAWCC Crafts Contest to be held at the National Convention in Springfield, Missouri, in June, 2008.

All chapter members will want to give their full measure of support to **Mark, Steve, and Gayla** as they lead us in the fun and educational activities.

### **COMING EVENTS IN CHAPTER 36**

**October 14** *The Centerville, Iowa Tower Clock Restoration Project, Brad Wardlow.*

**December 9** *Holiday Covered Dish Social Event and Figural Clock Presentation held at Shawnee Woodwork in Topeka, Kansas, Jim Kuhn, host.*

**February 10, 2008** *Chapter 36 Watch and Clock Restoration Contest, presented by the contestants.*

**April 13** *The Manufacturing and Ownership History of the Truman Home Tall Clock.* With permission from the US Department of Parks and Recreation, a group of NAWCC members who researched the Gates-Wallace-Truman family tall clock will share their work at the April meeting.

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